

## HARDING SUGGESTS COMPROMISE ON TAX

Confers With Leaders of  
Both Houses and Urges  
Haste in Revision.

## SALES PLAN IN DOUBT

Mondell Strong Against It  
as Only Shifting Burden,  
Not Giving Relief.

## FARM BLOC IS ASSERTIVE

Democrats File Minority Re-  
ports Opposing Bill Pre-  
sented by Penrose.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau,  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.

President Harding and the Republi-  
can leaders of the Senate and House  
no longer deny that the Administra-  
tion's tax revision programme is in  
peril. They held a series of important  
conferences to-day in an effort to  
reach a compromise that will com-  
mand sufficient Republican votes to  
insure enactment of the legislation at  
this session.

President Harding conferred with  
Senator Lodge (Mass.), Representative  
Mondell (Wyo.), Speaker Gillett and  
others on all phases of the tax bill.  
The President kept an open mind, sid-  
ing with none of the factions, but urg-  
ing an agreement.

The agricultural bloc, headed by  
Senators McCormick (Ill.), Lenroot  
(Wis.) and Capper (Kan.), which is  
opposing the bill as reported by the  
Senate Finance Committee, held a  
meeting to-night, and Senator Lodge  
was present by invitation.

## Republicans Optimistic.

The result of all the conferences at  
the White House and the Capitol was  
a feeling of optimism in Republican cir-  
cles. Although the bill as it stands has  
not the support of many more than  
twenty Senators, it is believed a series  
of amendments will be agreed upon by  
the Republicans that will prevent the threat-  
ened coalition between the Republicans  
of the agricultural bloc and the Demo-  
crats for the purpose of rewriting the  
bill.

Senator Penrose (Pa.), chairman of  
the Finance Committee, has admitted  
all along that the bill as it stands in  
the Senate, must be amended before it  
can be passed, but he has been unable  
to find amendments that meet with gen-  
eral approval.

The sales tax proposed by Senator  
Borah (Utah) as an amendment to the  
bill continues to gain ground, but the  
necessary votes to insure its adoption  
are not yet in sight unless its advo-  
cates should accept support of the  
Democrats, but it is pretty well un-  
derstood that although the Democrats  
might vote to insert the sales tax in  
the measure, they probably would vote  
against the bill as a whole on its final  
passage and their strength added to that  
of the opponents of the sales tax prob-  
ably would prevent passage.

Representative Mondell upon leaving  
the White House issued a statement in  
which he said with much emphasis that  
the House would never agree to the  
sales tax.

## Opposed to Shifting Taxes.

"The House passed the tax bill," said  
Mr. Mondell, "on the theory that there  
would be a lifting, not a shifting of  
taxes. Consequently the House bill is  
a repeal bill and with the exception of  
the increased corporation tax does not  
provide any new taxes. Regardless of  
whether the sales tax might be proper  
to raise funds for a specific purpose, it  
does not fit in with our programme to  
lift tax burdens."

Minority reports of the Penrose bill  
were filed in the Senate to-day by the  
Democrats of the Finance Committee  
and by Senator La Follette.

"The committee has failed to provide  
for the simplification and equalization of  
the income and corporation taxes and  
the repeal of the multitude of excises  
which are a constant annoyance to the  
public," says the Democratic report.  
"but has proceeded to reduce rates and  
repeal taxes in a way that unbalances  
the whole system and relieves the cor-  
porations and the wealthy classes of mil-  
lions of taxes, most of which are  
shifted to the shoulders of the masses."

Senator La Follette sided in large  
measure with the Democrats, but he did  
not agree with the remedies proposed by  
the Democrats to improve the existing  
measure.

## SEARLES EXHUMING DELAYED FOR WEEK

Massachusetts Prosecutor  
Awaits Return of Pathologist.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
LAWRENCE, Mass., Oct. 5.—The ex-  
huming of the body of Edward Francis  
Searles and the subsequent autopsy to  
determine whether his death was "hast-  
ened along," as hinted in an anony-  
mous communication received last week  
by Howard Donnell, District Attorney  
for Essex county, will not take place  
for a week or ten days, according to  
the District Attorney.

The delay is caused by the absence of  
Dr. George Burgess Magrath of Boston,  
a pathologist, who is attending a medi-  
cal convention in Des Moines, and who  
will represent the District Attorney's  
office at the autopsy to be conducted by  
Medical Examiner George W. Dow and  
his assistant, Victor A. Jones.

The District Attorney also wishes to  
give to the legal representative of Ar-  
thur T. Walker of New York, principal  
beneficiary under the will of Mr. Searles,  
an opportunity to confer again with the  
State's Attorney.

## MRS. STETSON VICTOR IN SUIT TO BAR GARAGE

The First Church of Christ, Scientist,  
Central Park West and Ninety-sixth  
street, raised no objection yesterday to  
making permanent the temporary in-  
junction granted last week to Mrs. An-  
gusta E. Stetson, formerly first reader  
of the church. She sued to prevent the  
church from removing a low iron fence  
between the office and her home, at 7  
West Ninety-sixth street, and erecting  
in its place a twenty foot alley way  
stone garage which, she alleged, would  
cut off light and air from her resi-  
dence.

Meyer Steinbrink, for the church,  
characterized her action as the "first  
gun of an effort by Mrs. Stetson to  
get back into the fold from which she  
was expelled ten years ago. Walter  
P. Fitch, Mrs. Stetson's counsel, ob-  
jected to this. Justice Hotchkiss in Ju-  
venile Court signed the injunction.

## PENNSYLVANIA R. R. TAKES ON 14,000 MEN

Jobs Provided in Five Months  
to Repair Equipment.

Samuel Ren, president of the Penn-  
sylvania Railroad system, made the fol-  
lowing announcement yesterday:

"It is the purpose of the Pennsylvania  
Railroad management to cooperate as  
far as possible with President Harding's  
efforts to reduce unemployment. Since  
the beginning of summer there has been  
a small seasonal upward swing in our  
traffic. This has been less than normal,  
but there has been more work to do, and  
in the last five months we have taken  
on about 14,000 more men than we had  
at the close of spring. The total force  
of the Pennsylvania Railroad system is  
now 199,000 men, as compared with  
185,625 on May 15, when the low point  
was reached.

"It is our hope that still more men  
will be needed and that we shall be able  
in the near future to find employment  
for a further increase in the force. We  
intend to utilize the additional men  
chiefly in putting our idle equipment in  
order prior to the coming of winter.  
"We have at present on the Penn-  
sylvania system 2,149 idle cars, of which  
46,691 have been stored without being  
repaired. None of the latter are re-  
quired for current use, or as far as can  
be foreseen, are likely to be needed this  
fall. In all probability it might be  
perfectly safe to defer their repair until  
next spring, but we feel that if we put  
them in order we shall not only be pre-  
pared for a revival in business, but shall  
also be assisting at a time when aid is  
most needed. In President Harding's en-  
deavor to improve the general employ-  
ment situation."

## EAGER OFFICE SEEKERS ENCOUNTER HARD ROCK

One Promising \$5,000 Job Is  
Found to Be Elusive.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau,  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.

Hard pressed for office by hungry poli-  
ticians, certain members of the Republi-  
can National Committee have been cast-  
ing about for undefined spots in the  
Governmental office lists. One scout re-  
ported that the office of Secretary of  
the Shipping Board paid \$5,000 a year  
and was held by a young man that  
Chairman Lasker picked at random  
from the ranks of the Washington  
newspaper men. The job, declared the  
scout, should go to a party worker.

The member of the National Com-  
mittee started a quick investigation.  
He discovered that the secretary of  
the board is Clifford Smith of Michi-  
gan, who was on the Washington staff  
of the Associated Press when appointed.  
The only political endorsement Mr.  
Smith had were from half the Republi-  
can politicians of Michigan, whence he  
comes; the two Michigan senators and  
one other Republican, Warren G. Hard-  
ing.

The National committeeman decided  
not to go after Smith's job.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEM ATTACKED

Director Forbes Offers New  
School Plan.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.

"Placement training" proposed for one  
time soldiers in private shops and simi-  
lar establishments was branded as crim-  
inal to-day by Col. Charles R. Forbes,  
director of the United States Veterans  
Bureau. In a report to President Har-  
ding he recommended the training of  
all such men in Government owned and  
operated institutions.

Col. Forbes's report was a review of  
conditions as found on a recent trip  
through the West to inspect the work  
of the newly formed Veterans Bureau  
for the former service men. He said his  
investigation indicates that 30,000 one  
time soldiers are being exploited rather  
than rehabilitated by the Government.

Col. Forbes said the men in placement  
training are being used to further the  
production of the shops and similar  
establishments regardless of the kind of  
training they are supposed to receive.

He continued:  
"It is evident on the face of it that  
these men are being exploited when the  
proprietors are paying them \$10 and \$15  
a week for their services. The men are  
being paid by the Government while  
they are in training; the proprietors of  
these mushroom institutions are being  
paid for doing the training; the men are  
being paid in turn by the proprietors for  
so much work as they are able to turn  
in profit, and in addition all the ma-  
terial and tools with which the trainees  
work are provided by the Government,  
also at a profit to the proprietors. It  
is criminal and it is slavery."

## HARDING HOTEL FORMATION.

MARION, Ohio, Oct. 5.—A campaign  
has been started to build a hotel here  
to be named in honor of President  
Harding. It is to cost \$500,000, will be  
eight stories high and have 160 rooms.  
Marion is President Harding's home.

## C. R. CRANE JOINS ANTI-TREATY GROUP

Confers With Woodrow Wil-  
son and Senators Under-  
wood and La Follette.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau,  
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Charles R. Crane, former Minister to  
China, passing two days in Washing-  
ton, has injected himself into the poli-  
tical situation with a rush. Last night  
Mr. Crane dined with Woodrow Wilson  
and to-day conferred with Senator Rob-  
ert M. La Follette (Wis.) and Senator  
Oscar Underwood (Ala.).

No admissions have been made by  
Mr. Crane or by either of the Senators  
he consulted, but it is understood the  
good of the regular Republican leaders  
of the Senate and of the Administration  
itself was far from the purpose of the  
conferences.

Mr. Crane has just returned from  
China by way of Siberia and Russia, and  
is an acknowledged authority upon  
the Far Eastern affairs. It is understood  
also that Mr. Crane printed himself with  
information concerning purely European  
affairs.

While Mr. Crane is not discussing his  
grievances it is well known that he has  
not forgotten the incident which brought  
about the cancellation of his appoint-  
ment as Minister to China after he had  
boarded a steamer at San Francisco to  
Siberia. Mr. Crane had been named by  
former President Taft and it was given  
out that his recall was due to an indis-  
creet anti-Japanese speech. Another  
story currently reported was that  
Mr. Crane was appointed over the head  
of Secretary of State Philander C. Knox,  
who insisted that the appointment be  
recalled.

Mr. Crane supported Mr. Wilson in his  
second campaign for election. He was  
later named by President Wilson as Min-  
ister to China to fill out the term of  
Paul Reinsch, who was understood to  
have been embarrassed in his official  
position because of promises of support  
he had given China in regard to Shan-  
tung.

Reports that former President Wilson  
is interested himself in the Senate fight  
over the ratification of the German  
treaty have been denied by persons close to  
the former President, but it is confidently  
expected that Mr. Wilson will continue  
his fight for vindication of his course at  
Versailles.

Democrats in the Senate are preparing  
to make the fight against the ratifica-  
tion of the German treaty the foundation  
of their general course in relation to the  
arms conference and foreign problems  
generally. In their fight against the  
ratification of the treaties the Demo-  
crats are relying upon the support of  
Senator La Follette, who is anxious to  
return to a position of leadership of the  
insurgent element of the Republican  
party.

Fresh from his conference with Mr.  
Wilson Mr. Crane was able to give the  
Senators the benefit of Mr. Wilson's  
views. Mr. Crane is planning to pass  
much time in Washington during the  
arms conference and is expected to con-  
tinue in his capacity of intermediary  
between Mr. Wilson and the Democrats  
and the small group of Republican Sen-  
ators who are prepared to oppose the  
Administration's course.

## URGES DIET TO KEEP CHILDREN FROM CRIME

New York Doctor Would  
Treat Endocrine Glands.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—Criminal in-  
clinations and incompetency in Chil-  
dren may be prevented at inception by  
proper treatment of the endocrine  
glands and the dietary regulation of  
food, Dr. H. P. Friedenberg, of New  
York, told the Pennsylvania Medical  
Society in convention to-night.

The endocrine system, Dr. Frieden-  
berg continued, is all of the secretive  
glands of the body whose functions are  
not definitely known to medical science,  
but which science has learned to con-  
trol.

"With a perfectly balanced endocrine  
system," he said, "one would live fore-  
ever. Hair can be made to grow on  
bald heads, short men can be made to  
grow several inches, fat men can be  
made slender and graceful."

## VANDERBILT SUIT DROPPED.

Second Damage Action Against  
Her May Be Begun.

The \$250,000 damage suit against Mrs.  
William K. Vanderbilt that has been  
going on for two days before Supreme  
Court Justice Pitlake and a jury was  
dropped yesterday because of insuffi-  
cient evidence. A new action, however,  
is to be started when, in the opinion  
of Thomas J. Ryan, counsel for Mrs.  
Marion K. Vanderbilt, 400 East Forty-sev-  
enth street, sufficient evidence has been  
accumulated.

Mrs. Rissell seeks the damages be-  
cause her husband, who had been employed to  
remove ashes from the Vanderbilt resi-  
dence at 908 Fifth avenue, was killed  
on January 13 in a freight elevator on  
the premises.

## BIGGEST POLICE CHIEF REDUCED IN RANK

Fails to Win Greenville, S. C.,  
Post in Re-election.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 5.—This town  
to-day lost the distinction of having the  
world's biggest chief of police by the  
defeat for re-election of James D. Noe,  
who weighs 325 pounds.

He is seven feet high and has to have  
his shoes, collars, hats and "everything"  
especially made for him.

Worry over the impending election  
caused him to lose twenty-five pounds,  
he said. He was reduced to sergeant.

## WAGE REDUCTIONS UP IN CONFERENCE

Bothersome Question Put to  
Those Considering Means  
to End Idleness.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
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The important question of the reduc-  
tion of wages in mills and factories and  
other lines, which economists agree must  
be readjusted before the nation may get  
permanent prosperity, was taken up to-  
day by the manufacturers' committee of  
the unemployment conference. The mat-  
ter also will be considered to-morrow  
and thereafter, promising to occupy  
much time even after the conference  
re-assembles next Monday.

The matter of wage reduction was  
avoided by the committee last week on  
the ground that the emergency character  
of the meeting demanded action and not  
talk. It had been apparent that a fight  
would result between the capital and  
labor groups as typified by Charles M.  
Schwab and Samuel Gompers.

Soon after the conference met it de-  
veloped that the consideration of wages  
would draw a controversy. As a result,  
the emergency recommendations of the  
committee provided for a rotation of  
jobs as the greatest number could have  
an income. A programme of price cut-  
ting by manufacturers, wholesalers and  
retailers on the basis of present day  
reproduction cost was advised so com-  
pensation might be restored in the minds  
of the buying public.

When the conference recessed last  
Friday after completing the emergency  
programme it adjourned to next Monday  
except for the meeting of the committee  
on measures by manufacturers, set for  
Wednesday. The members wanted to  
push the programme so there might be  
no delay in the final report.

Samuel Gompers represents a group  
determined against any recommendation  
for a reduction in the wages paid to  
labor. He takes the position that the  
standard of pay for the working man  
must be higher than before the war, and  
that manufacturers and other employers  
of labor should recognize this and be  
willing to accept the policy in making  
their calculations.

The employers of labor such as Mr.  
Schwab say labor is too high and there  
can be no readjustment in wholesale and  
retail prices until there is a reduction.  
The sooner labor recognizes this, they say,  
the sooner conditions will get back to  
normal and the sooner the employment  
situation will cease to be acute.

## DRY LAW VIOLATION GROWING, SAYS TAFT

Breaks Precedent by Appear-  
ing as Witness in Behalf of  
Judgeship Bill.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
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Violations of the prohibition law are  
likely to increase rapidly, Chief Justice  
Taft believes. He expressed this opinion  
to-day when he stepped down from the  
Supreme Court bench and shattered  
precedent by appearing in the unusual  
role of a witness before the Senate Ju-  
diciary Committee to urge favorable  
action on the bill to establish eighteen  
additional Federal Judgeships to relieve  
the congested Federal Court dockets  
throughout the country.

"Do you think prohibition cases will  
increase?" Senator Reed (Mo.) asked the  
Chief Justice.

"I do not hesitate to say that I believe  
violations of the prohibition law will  
greatly increase before they begin to  
grow fewer," the Chief Justice replied.

The Volstead act, according to the  
Chief Justice, has added considerably  
to the congestion in the Federal courts,  
but not as much as it is generally sup-  
posed. He estimated that prohibition  
violations had increased the business of  
the courts about 8 per cent.

Attorney-General Daugherty, also be-  
fore the committee to urge the additional  
Judgeship bill, differed with Chief Justice  
Taft regarding the prospective increase  
in prohibition cases.

"Prohibition cases have reached their  
peak now," Mr. Daugherty said. "At  
the outset, it was believed the dry law  
could not be enforced. I have seen that  
theory disappear."

Senator Sterling (S. D.), leader of  
the radical "dry" forces in the Senate,  
asked Mr. Daugherty if he did not be-  
lieve prohibition cases might increase  
for a time until the methods of enforce-  
ment improved.

"No," replied Mr. Daugherty. "The  
peak has been reached and violations  
will decrease, as the people will want  
to see the law enforced."

Mr. Daugherty added that State au-  
thorities have shown an inclination to  
leave prohibition enforcement to the  
Federal Government. This tendency,  
he said, was beginning to disappear and  
he predicted closer cooperation between  
the Federal and State authorities in  
future.

Wayne B. Wheeler, spokesman for the  
Anti-Saloon League, issued a statement  
agreeing as to the necessity for addi-  
tional judges, but insisting that prohi-  
bition was not to blame for the con-  
gestion. Of 142,502 cases pending in  
the Federal courts on July 21 he said  
only 10,365 cases were for violation of  
the prohibition laws.

"It was pointed out at the hearing  
that if the Federal judges would try  
these prohibition cases on information  
instead of by indictment it would greatly  
relieve the court dockets," said Mr.  
Wheeler. "In other words the crowded  
condition is due to the neglect of some  
district attorneys to avail themselves  
of existing provisions of the law. The  
abatement sections may be enforced by  
direct action before the court without  
delay. The frequent continuance of  
these liquor cases until the witnesses  
are tired out causes unnecessary con-  
gestion of the court dockets."

## HART RESIGNS POST AS 'DRY' DIRECTOR

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General deemed the bringing of them  
and the conditions found on inquiry as  
warranting a request for the resignation  
of Palmer, who is a Democratic hold-  
over.

The Department of Justice has adopted  
the policy of removing all Democratic  
holdovers for cause. There are many  
officials whose terms have not expired.

Palmer was asked to resign as soon  
as his successor was appointed and  
qualified. The Department has received  
no answer from him. The letter request-  
ing resignation was sent to-day.

## PALMER WITHHOLDS REPLY TO DAUGHTERTY

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 5.—William R.  
Palmer, United States Marshal for  
Connecticut, who was requested to-day  
by Attorney General Daugherty to re-  
sign, said he would give the question  
"earnest consideration" before replying  
to the Attorney General. He said  
his resignation in ordinary circum-  
stances would be at the disposal of the  
Attorney-General at any time, but be-  
cause of reports of charges pending  
against the conduct of his office he de-  
sired to withhold his response for the  
present.

Earlier Mr. Palmer had given out a  
statement in which he referred to pub-  
lished reports that his office was to be  
investigated particularly in connection  
with the inquiry now going on into the  
activities of rum runners in Connecticut  
and southern Massachusetts.

Mr. Palmer said he hoped Mr. Daugh-  
erty would send a representative to in-  
vestigate his office.

"It has been referred to me," said Mr.  
Palmer, in this statement, "that Presi-  
dent Harding has been asked to remove  
me and that he has refused. I have not  
been asked to resign, there has been no  
suggestion that I resign, and I shall not  
resign."

Mr. Palmer also replied in this state-  
ment to criticism of the care he has  
given to liquor placed in his charge  
after seizure by Federal enforcement  
officers, saying they were in direct  
custody of a deputy who is known as  
an honest man. Mr. Palmer added:

"But there are a number of small  
men who can't see how an official could  
be given custody of seized liquors with-  
out profiting through the possession of  
such liquors."

In the absence of State's Attorney  
Hugh M. Alcorn in Washington to-day  
to present, it was understood at Hart-  
ford, evidence of conditions relating to  
illegal liquor traffic uncovered by the  
State police in their inquiry into the  
death of Louis Winkle of New Britain,  
a curb real estate dealer, the State po-  
lice made no additional arrests. In con-  
nection with the Winkle and liquor  
cases sixteen men have been arrested  
and most of them still are in Hartford  
jail in default of bail.

Jacob Winkle, nephew to the man

killed, who is held in \$50,000 in connec-  
tion with the charge against Detective  
Sergeant Richardson of New Britain and  
his two sons of concealing stolen auto-  
mobiles, was visited by Judge W. J.  
Malone of Bristol to-day. The latter  
said he talked with Winkle at the re-  
quest of Winkle's friends in New Brit-  
ain.

## MRS. BERGDOLL DROPS SUITS IN SON'S CASE

No Reason Given, Though  
Property Is Worth \$1,000,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—The two suits

brought by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll  
against the Allen Property Custodian,  
Thomas W. Miller, for the return of  
property seized by the Government as  
belonging to Grover C. Bergdoll, the  
draft evader, were ordered dropped to-  
day at the instance of Mrs. Bergdoll  
at the instance of Mrs. Bergdoll and  
her son, Charles Braun, formerly  
Charles Bergdoll.

No reason was given for discontinu-  
ance of the actions, although Mrs.  
Bergdoll and Braun had claimed the  
property, valued at close to \$1,000,000,  
belonged to them and that Grover  
Bergdoll held no interest in it.

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mere cloths in the plain colorings.

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effects, suitable for wear with the New Wool Sweater or Sport Coat.

Sport and Motor Coats at \$75

(Made to sell at